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MEMORANDUM FOR PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE NPOESS
EMD/PRODUCTION ACQUISITION

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SUBJECT: Updates Resulting from the Early Draft RFP

As you know, our early draft RFP was released on Sep. 24th with comments due on Oct. 11th. We have reviewed these comments (from industry and Government) and are making changes in our draft documents. However, the next draft RFP is not planned for release until Nov. 21st, and we desire to inform the community of major changes sooner rather than later. This letter describes some of the major changes we are making (of course, you realize that everything is still work-in-progress at this time).

1. **Definition of IOC.** We will change the portion of the IOC definition dealing with satellite coverage from coverage in two particular orbits to operational coverage in any two orbits.
2. **Government-furnished Facilities and Property.** We acknowledge we will be providing facilities for the MMC and IDPS at various locations. However, we are unprepared to define specifics and will likely invite the offerors to propose to a generic "suitable facilities" concept. We will also clarify the GFP which will be provided by the NPP Project Office and the NPP spacecraft contractor.
3. **Replenishment Satellites.** We will expand the production options to include storage, maintenance, and launch support of the replenishment satellites.
4. **Fee Risk.** We still intend for all fee earned on CLIN 0100 to be earned at risk, but we are re-working the fee risk removal scheme and are contemplating establishing two fee risk removal pools (EMD and Production).
5. **Evaluation Criteria.** We intend to make Mission Capability, Past Performance, and Proposal Risk equal in importance to each other and collectively more important than Cost. We are considering rearrangement of the Mission Capability Subfactors, but have not come to conclusions yet. This is much more of a rearrangement than a re-write.



6. **Ground Rules and Assumptions**. In Annex B to Section L, we are re-writing the ground rules and assumptions to ensure clarity and to provide a common footing for offeror proposals.

7. **Statement of Work**. We acknowledge that no statement of work will be submitted as part of the proposal; the IMP task list replaces the statement of work.

8. **Mission Success Fee**. We hope to tie the Mission Success Fee events in Annex 4 of the Award Fee and Mission Success Fee Plan to IMP events closely approximating the events listed in the early draft RFP.

9. **Software**. In the evaluation criteria and instructions to offerors, we will emphasize that software considerations must be addressed in the proposal.

10. **Common Cut-Off Date**. The cut-off date for previously-submitted data will be the same as the proposal submission date. We are planning for this date to be 15 Mar 2002.

11. **Offeror Submissions**. The offeror's electronic submissions will be clarified as

- (a) CD-ROM(s) with the proposal, model contract, and so forth;
- (b) CD-ROM(s) with previously-submitted data; and
- (c) CD-ROM(s) with documentation which will be submitted at the PDR. No material shall be included in (b) or (c) except as linked to (a) for purposes of substantiation or demonstration. Admittedly, this means that documents included in (c) must be completed before the proposal submission date.

12. **Interim Contractor Support**. We intend for the ICS CLIN (0200) to be CPAF.




























13. **Proposal Page Limits**. We are considering changing the page limit for Volume II—Mission Capability to 200 pages and clarifying that this limit only covers the chapters within that volume, and does not include the Executive Summary, IMP, or Past Performance volume.

14. **Video and Proposal Evaluation Process**. We are re-working the evaluation process, and instead of a contractor-prepared video, we are contemplating a oral presentation with the final proposal revision and the videotaping of this presentation. We will also clarify the EN process.























15. **EDRs**. We will re-scrub the EDR Prioritization List to ensure it is complete.

16. **Cal/Val**. The Government is producing a Cal/Val plan which will be included as an attachment to the RFP and will serve as the standard against which the offeror's Cal/Val approach is submitted (early draft RFP ref: 3.2).

17. **Schedule**. Attached is a draft schedule for how the source selection will be conducted.

| ID | | Task Name | Duration | Start | 4th Quarter | | | 1st Quarter | | | 2nd Quarter | | | 3rd Quarter | |
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| | | | | | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
| 1 |  | Receive LM and TRW Comments | 1 day | Thu 10/11/01 | 11 10/11 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 |  | Incorporate Comments | 6 days | Fri 10/12/01 | 12 10/19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 |  | Produce next Draft | 1 day | Mon 10/22/01 | 10/22 10/22 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 |  | IPO Comments | 5 days | Tue 10/23/01 | 10/23 10/29 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 |  | NPP Comments | 5 days | Tue 10/23/01 | 10/23 10/29 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 |  | Incorporate Comments | 2 days | Tue 10/30/01 | 10/30 10/31 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 |  | Review LM Comments | 1 day | Fri 10/19/01 | 10/19 10/19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 |  | Review TRW Comments | 1 day | Fri 10/26/01 | 10/26 10/26 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 |  | incorporate LM and TRW Comments | 3 days | Mon 10/29/01 | 10/29 10/31 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 |  | SPD Approve Revised Draft | 2 days | Wed 10/31/01 | 10/31 11/01 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 |  | Prepare Red Team In Brief | 6 days | Mon 11/05/01 | 11/05 11/12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 |  | Red Team Review | 2 days | Tue 11/13/01 | 11/13 11/14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 |  | Incorporate Red Team Comments | 4 days | Thu 11/15/01 | 11/15 11/20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 |  | Approve Final Draft | 1 day | Tue 11/20/01 | 11/20 11/20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 |  | Release Draft RFP | 1 day | Wed 11/21/01 | 11/21 11/21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 |  | Staff Review | 14 days | Fri 11/23/01 | 11/23 12/12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 |  | Industry Review | 14 days | Fri 11/23/01 | 11/23 12/12 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 |  | Receive Industry Comments | 1 day | Thu 12/13/01 | 12/13 12/13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 |  | Receive Staff Comments | 1 day | Thu 12/13/01 | 12/13 12/13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 |  | Review and Incorporate Comments | 3 days | Fri 12/14/01 | 12/14 12/18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 |  | Approve Final RFP | 1 day | Wed 12/19/01 | 12/19 12/19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 |  | RFP Ready for Release | 1 day | Wed 12/19/01 | 12/19 12/19 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 |  | Proposal Preparation | 52 days | Thu 12/20/01 | 12/20 03/14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 |  | Proposals Due | 1 day | Fri 03/15/02 | | | | | | 03/15 03/15 | | | | | |
| 25 |  | Past Performance Due | 1 day | Fri 03/01/02 | | | | | 03/01 03/01 | | | | | | |
| 26 |  | Proposal Team Training | 8 days | Wed 03/06/02 | | | | | 03/06 03/15 | | | | | | |
| 27 |  | PRAG Team Training | 5 days | Tue 02/19/02 | | | | 02/19 02/25 | | | | | | | |

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| 28 | | Source Selection Tool | 26 days | Thu 02/07/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | | Load SS Tool | 5 days | Thu 02/07/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | | Test Tool | 2 days | Thu 02/14/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | PRAG Team Tool Training | 3 days | Tue 02/26/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 32 | | Train SS Team on Tool | 3 days | Wed 03/13/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 33 | | Proposal Team Organization | 2 days | Mon 03/18/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 34 | | Prepare for LM Review | 9 days | Tue 03/19/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | | Evaluators and Advisors Evlauate Proposal | 5 days | Tue 03/19/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 36 | | Subfactor Leads Roll Up | 3 days | Tue 03/26/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | | Factor Roll Up | 1 day | Fri 03/29/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 38 | | Brief to SSAC Chair | 1 day | Fri 03/29/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 39 | | Pre-Caucus for LM Review | 1 day | Fri 03/29/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | | LM Review | 10 days | Mon 04/01/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 41 | | Post LM Review Caucus | 3 days | Mon 04/15/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | | Prepare Issues and LM SSAC Briefing | 4 days | Wed 04/17/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | | Prepare for TRW Review | 9 days | Tue 04/23/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44 | | Evaluators and Advisors Evlauate Proposal | 5 days | Tue 04/23/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45 | | Subfactor Leads Roll Up | 3 days | Tue 04/30/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | | Factor Roll Up | 1 day | Fri 05/03/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 47 | | Brief to SSAC Chair | 1 day | Fri 05/03/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 48 | | Pre-Caucus for TRW Review | 1 day | Fri 05/03/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49 | | TRW Review | 10 days | Mon 05/06/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50 | | Post TRW Review Causis | 3 days | Mon 05/20/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | | Prepare Issues and SSAC Briefing | 4 days | Thu 05/23/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 52 | | Interim Brief to SSAC | 1 day | Wed 05/29/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 53 | | Interim Brief to SSA | 3 days | Thu 05/30/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | | Provide ENs to Contractors | 1 day | Tue 06/04/02 | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 55 |  | Prepare Contractor Interim Status Brief | 1 day | Wed 06/05/02 | | | | | | | | | 06/05 06/05 | | |
| 56 |  | LM EN Issue Discussions and Interim Briefing | 1 day | Thu 06/06/02 | | | | | | | | | 06/06 06/06 | | |
| 57 |  | TRW EN Issue Discussions and Interim Brief | 1 day | Fri 06/07/02 | | | | | | | | | 06/07 06/07 | | |
| 58 |  | Contractors Prepare EN Responses | 10 days | Mon 06/10/02 | | | | | | | | | 06/10 06/21 | | |
| 59 |  | Deliver EN Responses | 1 day | Fri 06/21/02 | | | | | | | | | 06/21 06/21 | | |
| 60 |  | LM EN Review | 5 days | Mon 06/24/02 | | | | | | | | | 06/24 06/28 | | |
| 61 |  | TRW EN Review | 5 days | Mon 07/01/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/01 07/09 | | |
| 62 |  | Prepare FPR Instructions | 2 days | Wed 07/03/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/03 07/08 | | |
| 63 |  | Forward FPR Instructions to LM and TRW | 1 day | Tue 07/09/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/09 07/09 | | |
| 64 |  | Contractors Prepare FPR Presentations | 9 days | Wed 07/10/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/10 07/22 | | |
| 65 |  | LM FPR Presentation | 3 days | Tue 07/23/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/23 07/25 | | |
| 66 |  | TRW FPR Presentation | 3 days | Wed 07/24/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/24 07/26 | | |
| 67 |  | Prepare SSAC Briefing | 4 days | Mon 07/29/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/29 08/01 | | |
| 68 |  | Prepare Draft Comparative Assessment | 5 days | Fri 07/26/02 | | | | | | | | | 07/26 08/01 | | |
| 69 |  | SSAC Meeting | 1 day | Fri 08/02/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/02 08/02 | | |
| 70 |  | SSAC Deliberations | 6 days | Mon 08/05/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/05 08/12 | | |
| 71 |  | Prepare Comparative Assessment | 4 days | Thu 08/08/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/08 08/13 | | |
| 72 |  | SSA Presentation | 1 day | Wed 08/14/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/14 08/1 | | |
| 73 |  | SSA Deliberation | 7 days | Thu 08/15/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/15 0 | | |
| 74 |  | Prepare SS Decision Memorandum | 2 days | Mon 08/26/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/26 | | |
| 75 |  | Brief EXCOM | 1 day | Wed 08/28/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/28 | | |
| 76 |  | Pre-Announcement Notifications | 2 days | Thu 08/29/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/29 | | |
| 77 |  | Award Announcement | 1 day | Fri 08/30/02 | | | | | | | | | 08/30 | | |